



From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

December 6, 2021



Dear SAUSD community,

I am encouraged that our COVID-19 positivity rates for the Santa Ana Unified School District community have remained relatively low following the Thanksgiving break. As you can see in the chart in below, COVID-19 positivity rates are lower across most of our zip codes compared to the county average.

The best way to ensure our rates remain low and even decrease is to continue to improve our vaccination rates across the SAUSD community for all those who are eligible. Research has continuously shown that vaccines are safe and effective in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

SAUSD will continue to host vaccination clinics weekly at many of our campuses with the support of our community partners. Additionally, [Latino Health Access](#) will continue to host clinics for all individuals ages 5 and older every Monday from 2:30 to 8 p.m. at 450 W. 4th St., Santa Ana. Visit our [COVID-19 resources page for more information](#).



Latest News

BY-TRUSTEE AREA BOARD ELECTIONS PUBLIC HEARINGS



Join us for a public hearing on a plan to study the process of establishing Trustee Areas and elections By-Trustee Areas that would take effect commencing with the November 2022 election. Where to draw the trustee area boundaries should reflect the needs and interests of the community. Public input will help these efforts.

6-8:00 P.M.

Monday, December 6, 2021

**Segerstrom High School
(library)**

2301 W. MacArthur Blvd

Santa Ana, CA 92704

Visit www.sausd.us for more

Public hearing on proposed changes to School Board elections

Please join us tonight, December 6, at 6 p.m. at Segerstrom High School for the final public hearing on a plan to study the process of establishing Trustee Areas and elections By-Trustee Areas that would take effect commencing with the November 2022 election.

By-Trustee Area voting is a method of electing members to the school board in which candidates must reside within a trustee area and the candidates are elected only by the voters residing in that trustee area. SAUSD currently elects its Board of Education members through an at-large election system. Under this system, candidates for the Board of Education can reside anywhere within SAUSD's boundaries.

Where to draw the trustee area boundaries should reflect the needs and interests of the community. Public input will assist the Board of Education in determining which proposed map best suits the needs of the school district.

COVID-19 Data

Here are the latest COVID-19 positivity rates and trends for zip codes in Santa Ana

Source: O.C. Health Care Agency (prepared Dec. 3, 2021)

ZIP code	Population	Case Rate per 100,000 (7-day day average, excluding LTCFs & Inmates)	Testing Positivity Percent (7 day avg. + 7 day lag)
92701	55,137	2.9	1.4%
92703	68,242	4.0	1.6%
92704	89,021	3.9	2.5%
92705	47,039	7.9	4.0%
92706	37,260	1.5	0.9%
92707	62,175	4.1	3.4%
Orange County Averages		6.1	2.4%

Visit www.sausd.us/covid-resources for free resources and testing information.

OC Department of Education and SAUSD to hold meeting for special education families

SAUSD invites parents and guardians of students in special education programs for a meeting on Dec. 16 with Orange County Department of Education. Bilingual facilitators from OC Department of Education will work with parents to better identify priorities for SAUSD's special education services. See below for more details. To RSVP, visit <https://forms.gle/kEKFXCqFAzTFJcSx7>



SPECIAL EDUCATION/SELPA DIVISION PARENT MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2021

Orange County Department of Education and Santa Ana Unified School District will host a meeting with parents of special education students.

JOIN US

Bilingual facilitators from Orange County Department of Education will work with parents to better identify priorities for SAUSD special education services.

RSVP

Visit: <https://bit.ly/3phmduX>

DETAILS

- SAUSD Training Room
1601 E. Chestnut Ave.,
Santa Ana, CA 92701
- 8:30 to 9 a.m.: continental breakfast
- 9 to 11 a.m.: parents and facilitators working session
- 11 a.m.: lunch

Upcoming Board Meeting

Dec. 6

- Public session begins at 6 p.m.
- To livestream visit www.sausd.live
- [Agenda will be available here](#)

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